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SUBJECT: AIFLD

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1. POST APPRECIATES AID/W, AIFLD/W EFFORT TO DEVELOP IMPROVED
PROCEDURE ON CLEARING AIFLD PACTICIPANTS, AS CONTAINED REFTTEL.
UNFORTUNATELY, REVISED PROCEDURE, WHICH RELIES ON FICTION
"ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR" DUE TO WHICH FEWER SLOTS AVAILABLE,
CONTAINS IMPORTANT WEAKNESEES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN EVENT A UNION
IS CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT, AND ONE
OF PARTICIPANTS IS FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE, UNION COULD INSIST
IT CHOOSE WHICH OF NOMINEES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EVENT IT LATER
DEVELOPED THERE WAS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT. OR, WHEN
ONLY ONE PARTICIPANT IS TO BE PROVIDED, IF "ADMINISTRATIVE
ERROR" FICTION IS USED TO BLOCK THAT PARTICIPANT, UNION WOULD
SIMPLY WAIT TILL NEXT TIME AROUND TO PROPOSE SAME CANDIDATE,
NOT KNOWING CANDIDATE IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT WOULD BE AWKWARD

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TO CITE "ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR" TWICE RUNNING.

2. IT WOULD SEEM THAT WHAT IS NEEDED ARE TWO STEPS, WHICH IN ANY CASE SHOULD BE PART OF AIFLD PROGRAM. FIRST, THERE SHOULD BE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS FOR NOMINEES, COVERING EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, POSITION IN ORGANIZATION, ETC. STANDARDS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISM, PURPOSE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO EXCLUDE COMMUNISTS OR OTHER ADVOCATES OF REVOLUTION AND VIOLENT CHANGE. SECOND, CCL SHOULD BE GIVEN SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCREENING.

3. SYSTEM WOULD WORK ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: UNIONS WOULD FORWARD NOMINATIONS TO CCL, WHICH WOULD PROMPTLY PASS THEM ON TO AIFLD, WHICH IN TURN WOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM POSTS. WITHIN SHORT PERIOD IF AIFLD RECEIVED NO REPLY FROM POSTS, NOMINEES WOULD BE CONSIDERED CLEARED AND AIFLD WOULD NOTIFY CCL ACCORDINGLY. ON INFREQUENT OCCASIONS WHEN POSTS PERCEIVED SUBSTANTIAL OBJECTION, POST WOULD PROMPTLY NOTIFY AIFLD, GIVING AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE ON REASONS WHY NOMINEE NOT ACCEPTABLE. AIFLD WOULD PASS WORD OF NOMINEE UNSUITABILITY ON THE CCL, WITHOUT DETAILS OR ATTRIBUTION TO POSTS. CCL WOULD IN TURN COMMUNICATE THE WORD TO THE UNIONS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES PRIMARILY THAT OF HAVING CCL SHOULDER SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCEPTING AND ENFORCING STANDARDS. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT NOT UNREASONABLE THAT CCL SHOULD DO THIS, AMONG OTHER REASONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT INTEGRITY OF AIFLD PROGRAM IN HOST COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN U.S. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT STANDARDS EXIST AND ARE BEING ENFORCED WILL DETER UNIONS FROM SUBMITTING UNSUITABLE NOMINEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

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